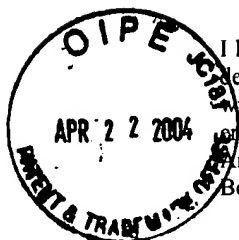


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Serial No.: 09/834.085

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For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD
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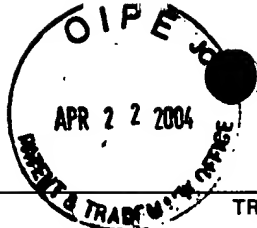
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Transmitted herewith is Amendment and Response to Office Action (12 pages) and return receipt postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
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